Narberth Urban District Council

1970

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

NARBERTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Turner and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the annual report on the health of your district for the year 1970.

HOUSING.

There has been little change in the position since last year. Some improvement grants were allocated and there was a slight improvement in the standard of housing generally, but progress was not as good as hoped. A number of houses stand empty and it would be desirable for more use to be made of these properties which are in private hands. There is an increasing demand by people to move into Narberth town from the surrounding country areas, because of the facilities offered by the town.

SEWERAGE.

The difficulties that existed last year have not been overcome; the problem of infiltration of sewers still pertains at present, but it is hoped to arrive at a solution, even on a temporary basis, in order that development in the town may proceed.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Only two cases of Measles were notified to me during the year from your district. In addition, there were three cases of Food Poisoning - but this was a single family outbreak and, in fact, the infection was contracted outside the district, while the family were on holiday. Some summer diarrhoea was prevalent during June and July, in common with the remainder of the county, but this was of a mild type.

HEALTH CENTRE.

By the end of the year, plans were nearing completion and work on the construction of the Health Centre at Rectory Field was scheduled to commence during 1971.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the year.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

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VITAL STATISTICS.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1970 1,040

	Narberth U.D.1970	Narberth U.D.1969	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Live Births	14	24		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.5	23.1	16.5	16.0
Illegitimate Live Births	1	Nil		
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	7	Nil		8
Still Births	Nil	Nil		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	Nil	16	13
Total Live & Still Births	14	24		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	Nil	1		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	Nil	42	20	18
- legitimate	Nil	42		17
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil		26
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 wks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	42	13	12
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk) (per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil	42	13	11
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1wk & Still Births combined)	Nil	42	29	23
Maternal Deaths	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Deaths	33	25		
Deaths Rate(per 1,000 pop,)	31.7	24.0	13.1	11.7

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INFANT MORTALITY.

I am pleased to report that there were no deaths of infants under 1 year of age, during the year.

DEATHS. (General)

As you will see, the death rate is high this year, with an increase in the number of deaths by 8 over last year and with the estimated population remaining the same. Of the total 33 deaths, heart disease accounted for 9 deaths, cancer of the lung 1 death and all other forms of cancer 7 deaths.

Approximately 8.6% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 13.5% in persons over 80 years of age.

Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
TOTAL (All causes)	17	16
Late effects of respiratory tuberculosis	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1
Other malignant neoplasms	2	-
Ischaemic heart disease	5	2
Other forms of heart disease	-	2
Cerebrovascular disease	1	2
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	1	3
Asthma	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
All other accidents	1	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious disease were notified to me from your district during the year :-

2 Measles
3 Food Poisoning.

TUBERCULOSIS.

One death occurred during the year from respiratory tuberculosis; this was a male patient in the 45 - 54 years age group who had suffered from the disease for many years. No new cases of the disease were notified during the year.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. vaccination of school-children (13 year olds) was carried out as usual during the autumn term at the County Secondary School and contacts were vaccinated at the Chest Clinic by Dr. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician.

47 pupils at Narberth C.S.School were skin tested and 38 of these required vaccination. A total of 1,048 school children were vaccinated in the county during the year and also 50 contacts.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Unit visited the town of Narberth in January 1970, and carried out a survey amongst the general population. A total of 234 persons (118 male and 116 female) were examinaed and 15 were found to have some abnormality of chest - 7 of these were referred for further investigations.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: Vaccinations and immunisations were carried out regularly once a month at Eastgate Clinic and several school sessions were held. Vaccination against Rubella (German Measles) was introduced at the end of the summer and initially 13 year old girls were offered protection - the acceptance rate by parents being almost one hundred per cent. It is hoped to continue school sessions annually, offering vaccination to all girls aged between 11 and 14 years.

The following details relate to all children under 16 years who were vaccinated and immunised in the county during 1970 :-

Primary diphtheria immunisations:	1,885	"Booster" doses:	1,333
Primary tetanus immunisations:	2,137	"Booster" doses:	1,545
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,857.		
Primary smallpox vaccinations:	800	"Re-vaccinations":	188
Primary polio. vaccinations:	1,690	"Booster" doses:	1,211
B.C.G. vaccinations:	1,048	"Contacts"	50
Measles vaccinations:	1,123.		
Rubella vaccinations:	573.		

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

I am pleased to report that no action was necessary under the above Section, during the year, in the Urban District.